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## Anthrax scare at legislature just whiteners

**FALSE ALARM** Hazmat crews were called into the legislature yesterday morning after a Health Ministry staffer opened up a letter that contained a suspicious looking white powder.

And once the powder was tested sometime around 10:30 a.m., fire officials confirmed the substance was coffee whitener.

Students visiting the legislature on field trips were told to stay out while hazmat crews were busy carrying items outside the west wing of the legislature.

John Tuckwell, a spokesman with Alberta Health and Wellness, said Health Minister Ron Liepert was on his way back from Medicine Hat when the letter was opened.

"That is so unfair," said Alberta Liberal MLA Laurie Blakeman. "If you actually want to target the minister, don't make their staff miserable."

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## Music Familiar folks



The city's largest music festival will be offering up some familiar folks this August. The four-day Edmonton Folk Festival beginning Aug. 6 will offer a full slate of acts that includes, clockwise from top right, former Barenaked Ladies frontman Steven Page, alt-country vocalist Kathleen Edwards, New Pornographers singer Neko Case and Juno Award Nominee Joel Plaskett. Tickets for the major music fest goes on sale this Monday and tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

# Classroom clamour

## Bill 44 amendment creates more headaches: Culture critic

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**An approved amendment that was added to the province's new human rights act early yesterday morning will create more headaches for school boards and teachers across the province, said a very tired Laurie Blakeman.**

The Alberta Liberal culture critic said the amendment that will force school boards to notify parents when teachers offer lessons that deal explicitly

with religion or sexual orientation will add further costs to school administration and it will put teachers in a bad spot.

Blakeman said the amendment will force school boards to create and maintain databases for parents on what they want their children to learn and the move could be expensive.

"This will put a chill in a lot of people and a particular chill on teachers," said Blakeman within hours after the government passed the amendment sometime around 3:30 a.m.

And while Blakeman says stopping Bill 44 from turning into law is a near-impossible fight, the Alberta Teachers Association, the Alberta School Council's Association and the College of Alberta School Superintendents said the bill needs a government do-over.

"By adding this human rights legislation, it is going to create more problems than what it will solve," said ATA president Frank Bruseker, who said the bill would impede a teacher's ability to teach. "It's better to have discussions than to create silos — people who don't want to talk about creationism can go over here, people who don't want to talk about the Holocaust can go over there."

"Let's put our heads in the sand, but that doesn't build an inclusive society, does it?"

The bill is expected to pass in its third reading in the legislature today before it becomes law.

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## Father of slain teenager among charged

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**CRIME** Six people have been charged after a street fight in front of a Mill Woods home, including the father of slain teen Joshua Hunt and the 20-year-old acquitted of his murder.

Edmonton Police Service spokeswoman Karen Carlson said that on Friday evening the 20-year-old drove up to a home on 44B Avenue and 30 Street, where three teen boys were playing street hockey.

"One of the teenagers allegedly used a hockey stick to cause damage to the vehicle," Carlson said. "Words were exchanged, and essentially, the disturbance began."

The 20-year-old phoned his father, who rushed over to the home, allegedly brandishing a wooden club, Carlson said.

Amid the melee, police said Gary Hunt emerged from his home and allegedly became involved.

Neighbours called police, and when officers arrived those involved dropped their weapons, police said.

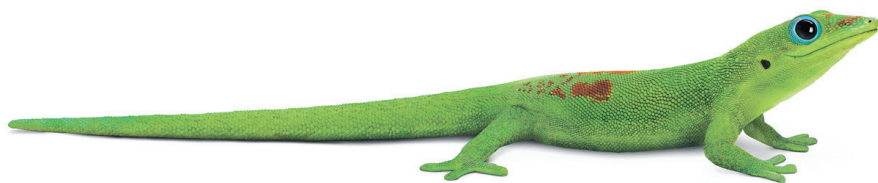
Gary Hunt, 47, is facing one count of assault and one count of uttering threats, while the 20-year-old man is charged with two counts of possessing a weapon and five counts of assault with a weapon.

Three teens and a 49-year-old man are also facing numerous charges.

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## Festival City living up to its namesake

The Creative Age Festival, inaugurated last year, will run from June 9 through June 16. The festival celebrates the importance of creative expression to seniors, and its benefits on health and well-being. For a list of events and activities, visit [creativeagefestival.ca](http://creativeagefestival.ca). **METRO EDMONTON**

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## Local



## Taste for a Cause

Support the Strathcona Sexual Assault Centre by drinking wine tonight. Taste for a Cause at Café Haven in Sherwood Park will help fund the ongoing efforts of an essential not-for-profit group educating and aiding victims of sexual abuse. More information at [saffron-ssac.com](http://saffron-ssac.com).

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## Traffic redirected after fire at Enoch Cree Nation

**INVESTIGATION** Police were called into the Enoch Cree Nation yesterday after neighbours reported a fire.

Police say the initial investigation into the origin of the fire points to a Lexus vehicle that was parked in a wooded area and deliberately set on fire.

The vehicle fire quickly spread to the nearby trees and subsequently throughout the area surrounding the Sand Pits causing thick, heavy smoke.

Surrounding roads were blocked off by RCMP to redirect traffic around the area.

The Lexus vehicle is believed to be stolen. No injuries were reported.

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## Touring arts fest receives \$75K from government

**FUNDING** The government of Canada has availed new funding for the Arts Touring Alliance of Alberta (ATAA) to help support the group's Showcase 2009 festival.

The Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, James Moore, and MP for Edmonton Centre, Laurie Hawn, said yesterday in a press release \$75,000 will go into the ATAA event.

The annual festival will bring together artists, presenters, agents, and other showcase organizers from across Canada to aid in the development and growth of touring arts performance in Alberta.

The festival will be held in Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.

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## Storeowners set to reclaim 118

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**Shopkeepers along Edmonton's most notorious strip have broken ground on reclaiming the thoroughfares that connect them.**

Rising from the ashes is a recurring theme among inhabitants of the Alberta Avenue area, who are furthering community unity by saying "We Believe in 118."

"I couldn't possibly fathom what they go through," said Const. Shane Brennan. "They're living down here 24-7, work, sleep and breathe it."

Front-line business owners on the infamous stroll for prostitutes and pushers struck a new bond yesterday, gathered strength in numbers, and elected block leaders as a direct link to law enforcement.



Christy Morin, executive director of the Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse, displays her 118 Avenue pride yesterday in her store window.

ment.

Keep it Simple Club, a sober area "safe zone" is staffed by recovering ad-

dicts who approach the Avenue from a grassroots perspective. They say drug-afflicted passers-by

often spot their first glimpse at hope in clean-living members.

"We will be stronger by

having a better connection with our neighbours," volunteer Maria Shaw said.

Recent community initiatives have pulled once-fearful residents out from behind barred windows and locked doors, partially pushing prostitution out of the area within the past year, Shaw said.

"That's what we need — people getting out and involved in the community," Const. Brennan said. "When it's a ghost town, it's the perfect breeding ground for criminal activity."

Today, there is proof-positive the community believes in the strip — in store windows, on billboards and attitudes.

"It's a vibrant area," Const. Brennan said. "Certain stereotypes are affixed to 118 Avenue, but there are some fantastic opportunities already here and growing."

## Doctor to return to post-war Southern Sudan

**MADING NGOR**  
for Metro Edmonton

Dr. Benjamin Jok may now have time to root for Barcelona, his favourite soccer team, but on the other side of the Atlantic in post-war Southern Sudan a myriad of problems wait for him.

Jok returned to Canada last Monday to visit relatives after nearly three years as a doctor in a remote village in Southern Sudan.

"When I went there I

was shocked. I thought maybe I will not handle that situation," he said, referring to his time in Marial

Lou, a far-flung village in Southern Sudan where he was often the only doctor.

Dr. Jok is one of 15 Sudanese Cuban-trained doctors who returned to Southern Sudan in 2006 after more than 21 years of

**"When I went there I was shocked."**

Dr. Benjamin Jok

war, thanks to the University of Calgary, Samaritan Purse — an international Christian relief agency — and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), who all supported their return.

Despite all the "luxury" in a Western country like Canada he might be leaving behind, he said he was going back to Southern Su-

dan because the people there are suffering.

"They call you three to four times a night and you don't sleep..."

On one occasion Jok decided to quit and leave but he changed his mind.

He said he was making a difference in the lives of mothers who trek for two to three days to reach his hospital.

"When you see that you are saving lives, a mother goes home with her child (cured), you say 'OK I am doing something. I am helping.'"

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Francis Proulx has been found guilty of first-degree murder in the death of Nancy Michaud, a political aide to Quebec's natural resources minister. A nine-woman, three-man jury rendered its unanimous verdict yesterday after two days of deliberation. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada



## Texting blamed in crash

Police in Saanich, B.C., say text messaging was one of several factors that led to a young man's death in a recent head-on traffic collision. Michael Edward Wolsynuk, 26, died Jan. 10 after he lost control of his pickup truck on the Trans-Canada Highway. Police crash analysts later determined several factors contributed, including driver distraction after determining that Wolsynuk had sent a text message from his mobile phone just moments before the collision. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Jean's seal snack makes blogs

**INTERNET** Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean might have outraged animal rights activists when she helped slaughter a seal and eat a bloody piece of its heart while at an Inuit festival earlier this week.

But less passionate observers favoured silliness over anger when the feeding frenzy put Canadian quirks — like our constitutional monarchy — in the spotlight and the blogosphere chattered cattily about the snack.

### News in brief

**TERRORISM** U.S. security czar Janet Napolitano bristled yesterday when asked to explain her view of Canada as the source of the 9-11 terrorists and chided Canadian reporters for not dropping the topic of her "earlier misstatement."

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## Washington Spelling to win



Speller Katelin Peters, 13, of Regina, Sask., takes part in round three of the 2009 National Spelling Bee in Washington. Twenty-two of Canada's best spellers are taking part in the international competition.

# Fire Flaherty: Grits

Ignatieff takes hawkish approach in wake of deficit

**Smelling blood, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and other opposition politicians seized on the Conservatives' \$50 billion deficit bombshell to accuse the Harper government of failing Canadians on the economy.**

Ignatieff called on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to fire Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and sounded a new, more hawkish note yesterday about possibly defeating the Conservative minority and forcing an early election.

While Harper ignored the demand to fire his finance minister, Ignatieff expressed growing frustration with the Conservative minority government on key economic issues.

**"There isn't a number that comes out of that man's mouth that Canadians can believe."**

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, on Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

Those include reforming employment insurance, speeding stimulus spending and the changing deficit projections.

"We've got an EI crisis to which they are not responding. Second point, the stimulus is not out the

door ... third, the public finances are in free fall and he (Flaherty) can't tell us where the bottom is," Ignatieff said.

"On these three grounds, it's getting very difficult to work with the government," he told reporters after the Commons question period.

The Liberals used the revelation of the larger than expected deficit number to take aim at Flaherty, accusing the finance minister of misleading Canadians dating back to last fall as the effects of the slowdown started to bite.

"There isn't a number that comes out of that man's mouth that Canadians can believe," Ignatieff said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

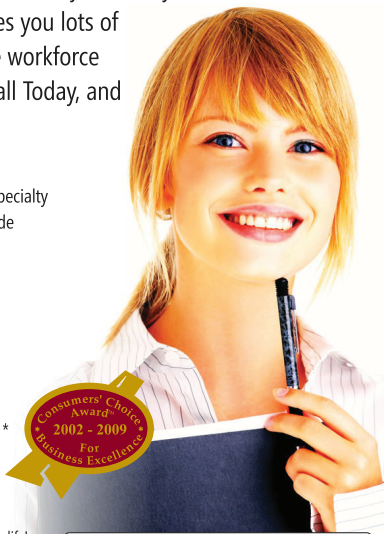
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**Iraq suing British paper for story criticizing PM**

Iraq's intelligence service is suing Britain's Guardian newspaper after it ran a story describing Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's administration as "increasingly autocratic." **REUTERS**

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# World



The mother and the wife of deceased policeman Mohammed Naveed weep next to his body yesterday. Naveed was a victim of a car bomb attack at a police headquarters in the Pakistani city of Lahore.

## Car bomb retaliation for strikes in Swat: Officials

**PAKISTAN** Gunmen attacked a police headquarters in the Pakistani city of Lahore yesterday, setting off a car bomb that killed at least 24 people in what the government said was revenge for an offensive against the Taliban.

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, which wounded nearly 300 people and caused extensive damage. It came after warnings of strikes in response to the army's attack in the Swat region.

"I believe that anti-Pakistan elements, who want to destabilize our country and see defeat in Swat, have now turned to our cities," Interior Minister Rehman Malik said.

The bomb, which officials said was a suicide attack, brought down a government ambulance service building and damaged a nearby office of the military's main intelligence agency. Security officials said a senior intelligence officer was killed and the

agency office might have been the target.

A city official said about 100 kilograms of explosives were used in the bomb.

Just before the blast two men got out of a car and fired at police guards at the gate, provincial Law Minister Rana Sanaullah told reporters, adding several suspects were later detained.

Witnesses said about four gunmen started firing. **REUTERS**

## Clinton takes firm stance on Israeli settlement halt

**ISRAEL** The U.S. wants Israel to stop expanding Jewish settlements without exception, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday, promising that Washington would push this point with its ally.

Palestinian and Arab officials have long argued that Israel's expansion of settlements on land it occupied in the 1967 Middle East war undermine efforts to negotiate a peace agreement.



President Barack Obama, said in a meeting May 18 with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that "settlements have to be stopped in order for us to move forward."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who met Clinton for dinner yesterday and sees Obama today, has ruled out restarting long-stalled peace talks until Israel halts all settlement activity. **REUTERS**

## U.S. to stand by Japan, S. Korea

**NUCLEAR** U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reaffirmed yesterday U.S. commitments to allies Japan and South Korea in the face of North Korean threats and said she hoped Pyongyang could return to talks on abandoning its nuclear programs.

Clinton also said that North Korea, which conducted its second nuclear test Monday, was behaving in a provocative and belligerent manner toward its neighbours and there were consequences to such behaviour. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**TAMIL CONFLICT** The Sri Lankan government has relaxed restrictions on motor vehicles in the country's largest refugee camp that had hampered aid distribution,

though the needs of people there remain acute, the United Nations said yesterday. The government had banned the use of motor vehicles by UN and other aid agencies at the

Manik Farm camp, which contains some 220,000 displaced Sri Lankans, citing concerns that some rebels might try to escape in or underneath the vehicles. **REUTERS**

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## Comment

### Bowlers roll right along

Connections we form can produce tangible benefits

#### Relating

Steve Collins

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We spend a lot of time in this space parsing the pitfalls of life with your one and only, but what about everyone else? What about your relationships with family and friends, co-workers and neighbours, the vaguely familiar people you pass on the street?

Harvard researcher Robert D. Putnam, in *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, argues the connections we form with others comprise "social capital," and produce tangible benefits.

Putnam's title comes from the disappearance of once-ubiquitous bowling leagues across America, which he sees as an indicator of a more general weakening of Americans' connections with friends, family and neighbours, and declining participation in churches, volunteer groups or political parties.

Signs of the increasing civic disengagement he chronicles south of the border can also be seen in Canada, where only 58.8 per cent of voters bothered showing up to the polls in last fall's election, our worst turnout since Confederation. We'd set the previous record for apathy, a 60.9 per cent turnout, in 2004.

All is not lost here, of course. Get your car stuck in the snow, and passing strangers are still likely to stop and push you out. That, too, is social capital.

#### On the web

For more views on relating, go to Love Bytes at [metronews.ca/blogs](http://metronews.ca/blogs)

Sure, we're social animals, and relating feels good, but the uses of social capital aren't all warm and fuzzy richness-of-life stuff. As Putnam points out, heaps of research shows you're more likely to get a job on the basis of who you know rather than what you know. The more, and the more varied, connections you have, the easier it is to get ahead.

In terms of social capital, as Putnam measures it, the benefits of joining a club are equivalent to doubling your income. Getting married is the same as quadrupling it.

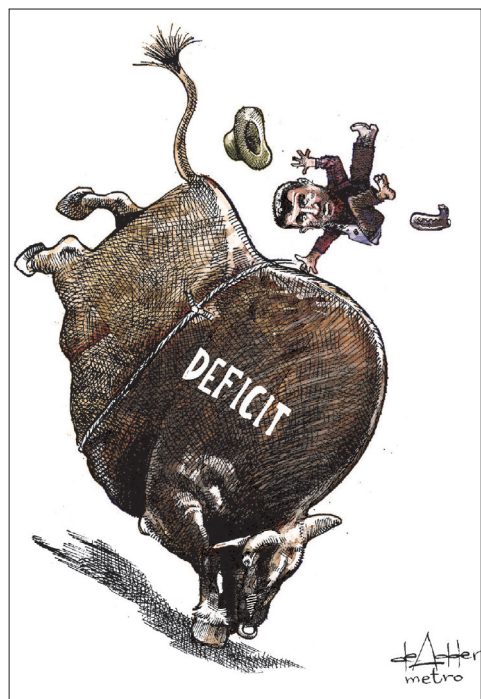
Your relationships with others could also be keeping you healthy. Putnam stacks up study after study showing the correlation

between personal connection and health: "The bottom line from this multitude of studies: As a rough rule of thumb, if you belong to no groups but decide to join one, you cut your risk of dying in the next year in half. If you smoke and belong to no groups, it's a toss-up statistically whether you should stop smoking or start joining."

So, do you know your neighbours well enough to gossip about them? When your phone rings, are you pretty sure it's another telemarketer? When was the last time you saw a member of your family who doesn't live in the same city, or one who does, for that matter?

Are you a connected and interconnected social capitalist pig, or a lone bowler?

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.



## Worth mentioning

### Economic crisis fuels rights 'time bomb,' group says

The global economic downturn has aggravated human rights violations and distracted attention from abuses, Amnesty International said today.

The world faces a grave danger that "rising poverty and desperate economic and social conditions could lead to political instability and mass violence," the rights group's secretary-general, Irene Khan, wrote in its annual report.

As governments struggled to resuscitate their economies, human rights were being "relegated to the back seat," she said, calling for a "new global deal on human rights ... to defuse the human rights time bomb."

"We are sitting on a powder keg of inequality, injustice and insecurity, and it is about to explode," she wrote in the report.

REUTERS

## Views

### The new attitude shift toward thriftiness

#### LifeCycle

Denise Rudnicki

Apparently I live on the cutting edge of a new trend. I don't have cable TV, air conditioning or even a dishwasher and that, says the Pew Research Center, means I am part of a "pervasive new creed of thrift" that is sweeping North America.

Pew surveyed American adults to determine what people consider a necessity and what they view as a luxury. The study was done after the markets crashed and people started losing their

houses and jobs, so it isn't so surprising there's an attitude shift. When you watch your retirement savings evaporate and cannot make your mortgage payment, that spiffy new home entertainment system does start to look like a luxury you can live without.

Choosing between necessity and luxury is easy when you decide to live on a boat. Our move to a boat in Victoria's inner harbour was a lifestyle choice, motivated by upheaval on the job front and a longing for a simpler life. In three weeks, I divested myself of 30 years of possessions and became a convert to extreme thrift. And now it seems I am a bellwether for the entire continent.

The Pew study also found that people are changing

their spending habits. More people are shopping in discount stores, cutting back on alcohol and cigarettes, reducing spending on TV and cellphones, or cancelling them altogether, doing their own home repairs, and planting vegetable gardens. I read the report, mentally checking off each one of these new habits.

We do not have cable, although we do have high-speed Internet. We have a small flat-screen TV we use for watching rented movies. There isn't room for major appliances. We rented a plot in a public garden to grow vegetables and have boxes on the dock for the herbs we like. We have library cards and use them. We do not buy anything that we do not absolutely need, which

means we have not bought anything in the last six months. The prime minister would say we are not doing our bit for the economy with our non-spending ways, but this is how we want to live.

Even simple lives with free entertainment provided by harbour seals and beach walks are not worry-free. We worry about money, health, bad storms, engine trouble and weird boat noises, but we do not argue about whether we should buy a 42- or 62-inch TV or stay up nights worrying about our mortgage.

Watch us. We are the trend-setters.

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## Quote of the Day

**"If Mr. Harper is sincere, if he wants to work with all parties, we'll do our part, but he's got to do his. (If not) then Canadians will have their fourth general election in five years."**

— New Democrat finance critic Thomas Mulcair, saying the Conservatives will find themselves on the election trail this summer if they fail to do more to help the economy and the unemployed.

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U.S. President Barack Obama and Saudi King Abdullah will likely discuss global oil prices when they meet next week in Riyadh, the White House said yesterday. Rising crude oil costs are pushing up gasoline prices, on signs that an improving U.S. economy will boost petroleum demand. **REUTERS**

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## Saudi statement lifts oil costs

**MARKETS** Oil prices hit a six-month high near \$64 US a barrel yesterday after Saudi Arabia, OPEC's biggest member, said the global economy had strengthened enough to cope with oil at \$75 to \$80 a barrel.

U.S. crude oil for July delivery rose \$1 to settle at \$63.45 a barrel, after earlier touching \$63.82, the highest level since mid-November. London Brent crude gained \$1.26 to settle at \$62.50 a barrel.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi, speaking on the eve of an OPEC meeting in Vi-

enna, said oil prices would continue to rise and that the global economy was now strong enough to support this.

"The price rise is a function of optimism. Better things are coming in the future," Naimi told reporters in Vienna.

The minister said OPEC did not need to change its output policy. The group already has agreed to remove 4.2 million barrels per day of oil from the market in a bid to shore up prices battered by recession.

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## GM scrambling in Canada

### U.S. bankruptcy protection filing could come in days

**General Motors is desperately trying to keep its Canadian operations running as its parent heads towards bankruptcy court protection in the United States and possibly Canada during the next week, a top union leader says.**

GM is even paying edgy suppliers in advance for parts to assure that production of popular models can continue at assembly plants during any court proceedings when payments might be in doubt, Ken Lewenza, president of

### Rejection

Yesterday, bondholders rejected an offer whereby they would exchange \$27 billion US in debt for 10 per cent of a reorganized GM.

the Canadian Auto Workers, said yesterday.

"They have indicated to us they are doing everything possible and in their power to avoid a Canadian shutdown," Lewenza said in an interview.

Chrysler LLC immediate-

ly shut down its operations in the U.S. and Canada earlier this month when it gained temporary court protection from creditors south of the border.

A temporary GM shutdown would cause thousands more layoffs here and even more damage to the reeling auto sector.

Lewenza explained GM wants to maintain output particularly at operations that build popular models, including the new Chevrolet Camaro sports car and Impala mid-size car in Os-

hawa, Ont., and the Chevrolet Equinox sport utility vehicle at the CAMI plant in Ingersoll, Ont.

The company also runs parts plants in the province that depend on U.S. assembly operations.

A GM spokesperson would not comment on any production plans if the parent company pursues court protection.

But GM Corp. officials have said bankruptcy proceedings in the U.S. are probable within the next week. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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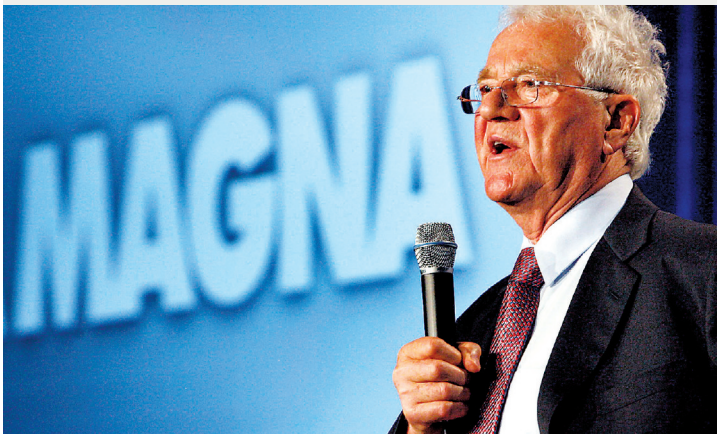
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## Magna In pursuit of Opel



Magna International Inc. chairman Frank Stronach, seen at his company's annual meeting earlier this month, arrived in Berlin yesterday as the auto-parts firm bids to buy Germany's iconic Opel brand. If Magna wins the bid to scoop up Opel from General Motors Corp., it would emerge as a major player in the cutthroat Western European auto market.

### In brief

**DOLLAR** The Canadian dollar rallied to its highest level since early October around midday yesterday, hitting 90.11 U.S. cents, but late in the session it turned lower and relinquished a chunk of the sharp gains recorded in recent months.

**BANKING** Laurentian Bank of Canada reported a 16 per cent drop in its quarterly profit yesterday as provisions for bad loans rose and interest income declined. It reported net income of \$21.2 million for its second quarter.

**AUTO** Electric car maker Zenn Motor Co. posted a slightly wider second-quarter net loss as the downturn in the automotive sector hurt its revenue. For the quarter ended March 31, the company reported a net loss of \$2 million, compared with a loss of \$1.8 million a year ago.

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Patrick Roy has turned down an offer to become the head coach of the Colorado Avalanche, opting to stay with the Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, where he is also the club's general manager. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Gagne goes home

Pitcher Eric Gagne, left, is going back to Quebec. The 2003 National League Cy Young Award winner has accepted a deal with the Quebec Capitales of the independent Can-Am League. Gagne, who converted 84 saves in a row from 2002-04 with the Los Angeles Dodgers, will work as a starter for the Capitales. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Wings set up Cup rematch

Stanley Cup  
2009 Playoffs  
(Detroit wins series 4-1)  
Chicago 1 Detroit 2 (OT)

### Here we go again.

The Red Wings are back in the Stanley Cup finals to defend their title after Darren Helm scored the game-winning goal 3:58 into overtime, as Detroit vanquished Chicago 2-1 in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals at Joe Louis Arena.

In the extra session, Red Wings defenceman Brett Lebda fired a shot from the point that caromed off the boards to the left of



Detroit goalie Chris Osgood makes a save against the Chicago Blackhawks last night during Game 5 of the Western Conference final at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Chicago goaltender Cristobal Huet. Tomas Holmstrom knocked it out of Huet's pads across the crease and Helm banged

the puck into the wide-open net.

Coupled with Pittsburgh's win over Carolina in Game 4 of its Eastern fi-

nal on Tuesday, the Red Wings and Penguins will meet for a second consecutive season.

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## Jays finish road trip without a win

### MLB RESULTS

Jays 10 Orioles 12 (11 infs)



**BASEBALL** Nolan Reimold's three-run homer in the bottom of the 11th inning sent the Baltimore Orioles past

the Toronto Blue Jays 12-10 in the finale of a three-game series from Camden Yards.

Aaron Hill hit a two-run shot in the 11th to give the Jays a 10-8 lead, but the O's scored four in the home half to claim victory.

Toronto finished their road trip at 0-9, worst in franchise history.

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## Sports in brief

**COYOTES** A U.S. bankruptcy judge has accelerated the schedule for determining whether Jim Balsillie can buy the Phoenix Coyotes and move the franchise to southern Ontario over the objection of the NHL.

**STERIODS** Authorities say they've arrested a central Florida man who claims he sold anabolic steroids to pro athletes, including players with the Washington Nationals and Washing-

ton Capitals. Polk County detectives say Richard Thomas told them, "You name the sport, and I've sold steroids to athletes who play it."

**TENNIS** Top-ranked Dinara Safina and defending champion Ana Ivanovic cruised into the third round of the French Open yesterday. Safina defeated Vitalia Diatchenko 6-1, 6-1, and Ivanovic stopped Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand 6-1, 6-2.

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## A long, arduous search for a good kitchen mat

### HomeScape

Sylvia Putz

[metronews.ca/homescape](http://metronews.ca/homescape)

Do you wince when you see grimy kitchen mats? And if you decide to get a newer model for your home (or a friend's home), do you wince again when you survey the uninspiring assortment of mats at the local housewares store?

I don't know about you, but the

images of ducks done up with blue ribbon are just a little cutesy for me.

What to do? Many of the kitchen mats currently available lack a certain style quotient, to put it mildly, but they may save your back and prevent your legs from aching as you do your kitchen chores, especially on hard tile floors.

Moreover, these mats will soak up water drips and hold scraps of peelings or crumbs that fall to the floor. This way you can shake out the mat rather than walking through the wet mess and spreading it all over the kitchen.

They're a fantastic idea, but do they have to be so ugly?

Well, after looking around a little more thoroughly, I found many more ugly ones, but — surprise — a few very attractive ones.

After looking around a little, our columnist was able to find many ugly kitchen mats, but — surprise — a few very attractive ones came out of the woodwork too.

One product I noticed was a natural-looking woven vinyl mat, complete with elegant woven edges. There are a few different manufacturers, but one of the most price worthy rugs I saw are from a Toronto-based company called The Tate Group, formerly MacFABhome. They can be bought at selected retail locations across Canada —

[info@macfabhome.com](mailto:info@macfabhome.com) or [info@thetategroup.com](mailto:info@thetategroup.com) to inquire about retail locations.

These rugs range in price from \$24 to \$300 depending on the size of the mat, and are backed by cushy rubber backings. There are six standard rectangular sizes, which run from the smallest (doormat) at 20" x 28", to the largest (large area rug), at 54" x 96". Also included in the selection is a hall runner, which measures 28" x 84".

The natural woven look of these mats come in several different textures, including a coarser weave, a tighter weave, and several different patterned weaves. And they come in a variety of muted colours, including reed, terracotta, black walnut, twig, sand, midnight and praline. Check TheTate Group.com to take a look at the colours, or better yet visit a retail location to check the look and feel more closely.

I noticed other similar synthetic products, such as the Chilewich mats from a New York-based company. They're equally lovely with more of a selection in terms of colour and pattern, and the mats can be customized to fit a specific space. However, be prepared for a higher price tag; they range from \$360 for a 3' x 5' mat, and up to \$600 for a 5' x 10' mat. Bindings around the outside are extra.

They're carried at retailers like Elte in Toronto. Check [chilewich.com](http://chilewich.com) for more information about other retailers across Canada.

Of course, natural mats of grass and straw can be lovely as well, and they might do just about anywhere else. But not in a kitchen. Cleaning is a necessity here, and natural grass or straw just doesn't stand up to the abuse. Vinyl rugs are water and stain resistant, and can be used both indoors and outdoors since they are resilient to mould and mildew. They can be wet mopped and vacuumed, and tough stains can be treated with mild detergent and a little elbow grease.

Just don't put them on a heated floor, or you may have a goopy mess on your hands.

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## Tradition merges with advanced technology



HARRY HODGE  
Metro Canada

### Many buyers shopping for a dwelling are looking at the environmental implications of their purchases with heightened scrutiny.

Edmonton's Effect Home Builders Ltd. had this in mind when they created their latest project, which is nestled in the mature Crestwood neighbourhood in the heart of Edmonton at 10007-148 Street. The project blends the traditional craftsman style with some of the most advanced technology available, and is called the Stratus Enviro-Home.

"We absolutely are noticing people are seeking out our company because of the enviro-friendly focus," Effect managing partner Les Wold said. "Now people are more aware and



they see there are other options out there to choose."

The dwelling had the environment in mind both inside and out, with everything from compost amenities in the kitchen to the type of paints used on interiors and exteriors.

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Seen above and below are some shots from Effect Home Builders Ltd.



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# Food

**Choose rhubarb stalks that are firm and crisp. If plucking from your backyard, twist off stalks rather than cutting. Pick slender stalks — one should yield about 1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped.**

BARB HOLLAND/FOR METRO CANADA



## Careful

Avoid eating the leaves as they contain a potential toxin called oxalic acid.

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# Crazy over this crumble

Easy as pie? Actually it's easier, and it saves some extra calories and fat

## À la carte

**Barb Holland**

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**It's spring, and the appearance of local farmers' markets signals the beginning of the best time to eat seasonally.**

When you shop at farmers' markets, you get the healthy benefit of eating foods at their nutritional peak and at their tastiest; as well as reducing your carbon footprint and supporting local growers. Check with your provincial association and [harvestcanada.com](http://harvestcanada.com) to find your closest market.

Recognized by its large, green elephant ear-like leaves and long stalks, rhubarb is one of the earliest crops to push its way out of the ground. Depending on region and climate, stalks of fresh, field-grown rhubarb can be found from May through to July.

## Rhubarb Strawberry Crumble

A crumble is simply fruit

topped with a mixture of sugar, flour, butter and often nuts, which bakes into a crisp topping that offers much of the satisfaction of a pie with a lot less work, fewer calories and less fat. You can substitute many kinds of fruit for the rhubarb strawberry mix, or use all rhubarb. Just figure on about 5 cups (1.25 l) sliced fruit, peeled if desired, and add sugar and lemon juice according to the fruit's sweetness. For juicy fruits such as peaches and berries, add 2 tbsp (30 ml) more flour to fruit mixture. Makes four to six servings.

### INGREDIENTS:

#### Topping:

- 1/3 cup (75 ml) sliced almonds
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) lightly packed brown sugar
- Pinch salt
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) cold butter, cut into 1/4 inch (5 mm) pieces

#### Fruit Mixture:

**Great recipe for spring**



In this recipe you can substitute many kinds of fruit.

- 4 cups (1 l) sliced rhubarb (1-1/2 lbs/750 g), about 1/2 inch (1 cm) slices
- 1 cup (250 ml) halved (or quartered if large) strawberries
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) each: all-purpose flour, brown sugar and granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) fresh lemon juice

### METHOD:

Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). While oven is heating, spread almonds in a rimmed baking sheet.

Bake until just golden and fragrant, 6 to 8 minutes. Do not allow them to brown.

In small food processor, place almonds, flour, brown sugar and salt, process until a fine meal. Transfer to a bowl. With fingers work in the butter until mixture is very crumbly. Refrigerate 15 minutes or up to 2 days (covered and refrigerated until needed).

Butter a 6 cup (1.5 l) baking dish. In a large bowl,

combine rhubarb and strawberries. Combine flour, brown sugar and granulated sugar; sprinkle over fruit and toss well. Sprinkle with lemon juice and toss again. Spread fruit evenly in baking dish and spread topping over all.

Bake until fruit is bubbling and top is browned, 40 to 50 minutes. If top is browning too quickly, cover loosely with foil. Serve warm or at room temperature.

### TIPS:

**Preparation/Cooking:** Wash rhubarb, then slice or dice according to recipe. One pound (500 g) raw rhubarb yields about 3 cups (750 ml) sliced fruit. It tastes sweeter once cooked, so add a minimum of sugar before cooking, then add more to taste after cooking. A squeeze of fresh lemon also brings out its flavour.

**Storage:** Wrap rhubarb in damp paper towels to keep the stalks moist, and place in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. It will keep for a few days.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

## Liquid Assets

**Peter Rockwell**

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## Beauty of the blend

The lexicon of liquor has many baffling entries, some of which need more explanation than an episode of *Lost*.

Take the term "blend." Consumers are just fine associating it with scotch, but in our single varietal world there seems to be a stigma attached to the idea that wines can be a mix of different grapes.

If you believe that, consider this. The concept of blending grape personalities is the foundation of some of the finest wine regions on Earth: Think France's Bordeaux and Champagne, Italy's Veneto and Portugal's Douro Valley.

Some grapes naturally go together. Others may seem unlikely but create magic in the bottle. The 2007 **Hardy's Stamp Series Chardonnay Semillon** (\$9.95 - \$11.99) from Australia is a good example. You wouldn't think the pair would make a likely couple, but the chard offers a rounded, buttery flavour that's massaged nicely by the slight honeyed flow of the semillon.

How about a marriage of chardonnay, muscat and chenin blanc? The 2007 **Folie à Deux Ménéage à Trois White** (\$17.99 - \$19.98) is a jazzy Californian combo that shows lots of citrus, melon and ripe exotic fruit flavours while perfectly illustrating that the art is definitely in the blend.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.



Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

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## In brief

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## Personal Gourmet recipe of the month

ROSE REISMAN

# Triple Chocolate Brownies



ORIELA ZANETTI

- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 cup low-fat yogurt or sour cream
- 1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup light cream cheese
- 2/3 cup icing sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1-1/2 tsp water
- dusting of icing sugar

### METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-inch square pan with cooking oil.

For the brownies, combine the sugar, oil, egg and vanilla in a bowl and mix well. Add the cocoa, mixing it in well. Add the flour, baking powder, yogurt and chocolate chips, mixing just until combined and smooth. Don't overmix.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake in the center of the oven for 15 to 20 minutes, just until set. Do not overbake. Cool on a rack for 15 minutes before icing.

To make the icing, place cream cheese, icing sugar,

### About Rose



Rose Reisman is an author, media personality, nutritionist, and the inspiration behind a fresh food delivery service, Personal Gourmet, and new website, The Art of Living Well. Visit Rose at [rosereisman.com](http://rosereisman.com) & [personalgourmet.ca](http://personalgourmet.ca)

1-1/2 tsp cocoa powder and water in a blender or food processor and process until smooth. Spread over the top of the brownies.

Cut into squares and garnish with a dusting of icing sugar, or drizzle melted dark and white chocolate overtop.

**PREP TIME: 20 MIN**

**COOK TIME: 20 MIN**

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## BAREFOOT FOR A CAUSE

In 2001, a heart-broken Bilaal Rajan saw photographs of people whose lives had been taken or ruined by the earthquake in Gujarat, India. The four-year-old boy sold Clementines door to door in his southern Ontario neighbourhood to raise money for the victims.

"It truly wasn't fair that these people, just because they lived in different places, should have to suffer such tragedy," he says. He saw they needed someone to help them. "I came back to myself here in Canada and I realized that that person could be me."

Rajan has since raised millions of dollars to help orphans, build a school in Tanzania, assist people hit by hurricanes in Haiti and the tsunami in South-East Asia. Rajan is still only 12.

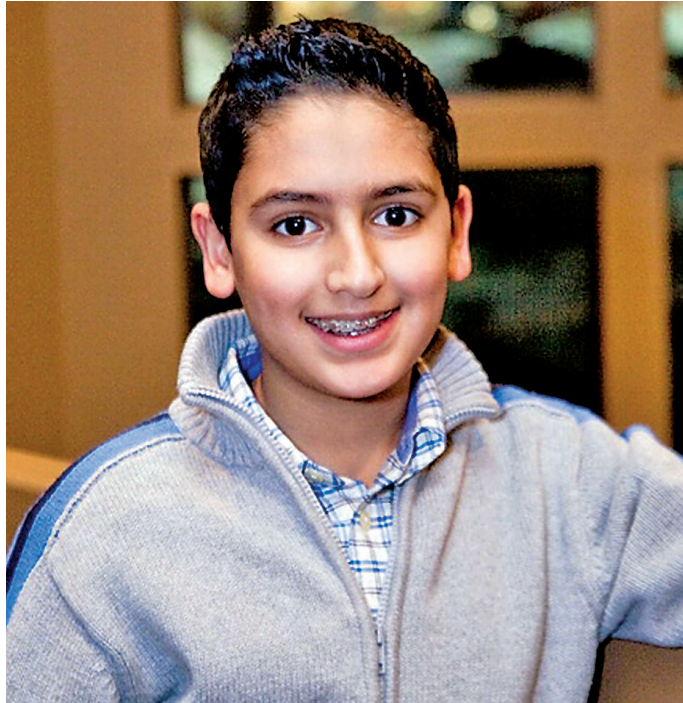
Last month, he spent a week walking barefoot to raise money and awareness for poor kids around the world. Thousands of people in ten countries joined in. "I had about four blisters, seven spider bites, I stepped on some glass, I almost stepped on a nail, but I guess that's life, right?" he says.

"The thought that carried me through the week was, if others can do it for their whole lives, why can't I do it for a week?"

His first trip abroad was to South-East Asia after the 2004 tsunami, followed by a trip to Malawi in 2005.

Rajan is excited about his latest project, Sudokuhub.com. The web fundraiser is to be launched late summer or fall and will let players turn games into food. For every number solved, a package of "plumpy nuts," a healthy snack, is donated to a malnourished child.

Beyond that, he wants to continue



**Bilaal Rajan, has written a book, founded an organization and is a child ambassador for UNICEF Canada.**

being an activist. "As a career, I'd like to be an astronaut and a neurosurgeon," he says.

Bilaal Rajan has packed a lot into 12 years. He's written a book, *Making Change: Tips from an Underage Overachiever*, and turned that into a website, [Makingchangenow.com](http://Makingchangenow.com), to reach his goal of getting one million

kids involved in their communities.

He founded an organization, [Bilaalrajan.com](http://Bilaalrajan.com), to focus his fundraising efforts. He's a child ambassador for UNICEF Canada, was named a junior citizen of the year and numerous other honours. Oh, and he speaks English, French, some Spanish, Mandarin and Swahili.

## Spelling his way to victory

There was nothing fishy about the way Zakhar Husak performed last weekend. The home-schooled Husak correctly spelled "caviar" to clinch his victory in the primary division of the Spelling Bee of Canada 22nd Annual Championship at the Delta Chelsea in Toronto on Sunday. The eight-year-old beat out 28 children, ages six to eight, to take the title.

Zakhar won \$1,000, a trophy and a number of other prizes. Also placing in the annual bee's primary division were Niu Niu Wang, from Windsor, Ont., in second place, and Toronto's Neherika Nair winning third place. Both are eight years old.

## Kid wears his pride on his shirt

An eight-year-old Canadian boy named Eric is on top of the world after his t-shirt design was picked from hundreds of submissions around the country to represent Canadian pride.

His shirt, titled *Proud to Be Canadian*, shows a red-and-white maple leaf background with a cute cartoon beaver smiling and holding a hockey stick.

Proceeds from sales of the shirt he designed will go to provide safe, fun, healthy activities at school for children in kindergarten through the seventh grade, showing that little Eric not only has talent but a heart of gold as well.

## Hungry cat a lifesaver

Twelve-year-old Bilaal Rajan isn't the only one helping others. Angela and Peter Papdimitriou always knew their cat Nemo was a special gift in their lives but they never could have expected Nemo would give them back the gift of life.

Nemo has made a habit of waking

up Angela and Peter for breakfast every morning with a warm, furry cuddle. One morning last September, Angela awoke to find Nemo behaving far more frantically than usual.

Angela tried to get her husband's attention to see if he knew what Nemo was getting



at when she discovered Peter wasn't breathing and didn't have a heartbeat. Paramedics arrived and successfully

restarted Peter's heart, telling Angela that if they had arrived even a few minutes later, Peter might not have made it.

Angela credits Nemo with saving her husband's life. "That morning if he hadn't been so persistent and woken me, it could have been too late. Nemo is a little angel," Angela said.

Peter had open-heart surgery that day and is back home in stable condition thanks to the skilled doctors and the cute, pudgy feline cuddle-lover who saved his life.



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# Style



## Versace denies friction

This week Italian fashion house Versace denied news reports there was friction between design head Donatella Versace and Chief Executive Giancarlo Di Riso. Newspapers have speculated about Di Riso possibly leaving the company. Daily Il Sole 24 Ore last week said he and design head Donatella Versace were "close to a divorce" because of disagreement over strategy.

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# The neon conundrum

## How to wear Day-Glo brights without the risk of burning someone's retinas

KENYA HUNT  
Metro World News

**It's the ghost of Wham! videos past. Or at least that's how some might view the comeback of neon colors.**

If the fall '09 runways were any indication, the trend is on the cusp of its tipping point after flirting with popularity for the past two years.

Call it a by-product of

fashion's current crush on all things '80s. Whether or not that is a good or bad thing depends on whom you ask (and which designer's work you're looking at.) Technically, we can thank Stephen Sprouse and Marc Jacobs for the return of fluorescent colors.

Jacobs produced a hugely popular retrospective of the late American designer's iconic Day-Glo bright graffiti prints for Louis

Vuitton before using similar colors in his own signature women's wear collection. The happening ended up being a signal of a larger trend to come. It also brings a set of problems: How best to wear it without looking ridiculous or burning someone's retinas?

## 1 Accessorize, accessorize

Wearing a bold neon handbag, pair of shoes, cuff bracelet or scarf as a statement accessory is the easiest way to rock the neon trend with the lowest amount of risk. It's also a great way to give your existing wardrobe an on-trend update. Best of all, it can give a basic, everyday outfit such as jeans and a T-shirt or an all-black ensemble an extra kick.



MARC JACOBS



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## Editors' Pick

## JETSET STYLE



**UNZIPPED** Stash your stilettos—and your cell—in this bag from a collection inspired by insider fave Stephen Sprouse. Graffiti Speedy 30 bag (\$1,170, Louis Vuitton)



**MODEL BEHAVIOUR** Not Meisel? Not interested. Hide from unworthy paparazzi snappers with these shades (\$465, Marni)

## 2 Let your nails make a statement

If you don't want to shell out major money for Day-Glo clothing or accessories, do like recording artists such as M.I.A. and Ebony Bones and stock up on neon nail colors. It makes a credit-crunch friendly way to experiment with the trend without fully committing to it. OPI has a selection of fun bright colors such as Flamingo Pink (\$11) (right).



## 3 Go full-on and own it

If you choose to wear a full-on fluorescent look, it's best to go with a strong single item (a dress, trousers, skirt or jacket, for example) rather than a complete outfit of Day-Glo separates and matching accessories. Accessorize with a whole lot of confidence.



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## Get pretty and fragrant fingers

SOFI PAPAMARKO  
For Metro Canada

**BEAUTY** Wearing Revlon's Fruitful Temptations is like having the Garden of Eden at your fingertips.

The new nail polish line comes in eight great summertime colours that radiate yummy fruit fragrances when dry.

Not So Blue-berry appeals to our inner 8th grader, with its fragrance reminiscent of blueberry gumballs and/or scratch 'n' sniff stickers and a sparkly periwinkle finish.

Raspberry Rapture is a little more grown up; this vibrant candy shell pink

smells the way sipping a Cosmopolitan tastes. We have a big crush on Coconut Crush, a shimmering white polish that brings to mind tropical resorts, sunscreen and luaus. Pretty in Papaya is a very wearable bright orange that releases a fragrance more similar rosewater than it's namesake, but we can't stop smelling our fingers while it's on. And Mon Cherry is a retro red creme with a mouthwatering and familiar fragrance.

Other available shades include Mad About Mango, Sublime Strawberry and Passionate Fruit. (We'd have



Revlon's new Fruitful Temptations collection radiates fruit fragrances when dry.

liked it if they'd included a Sinful Apple shade, but maybe that's pushing the Biblical parallel a little far.)

Playful, affordable, chip-resistant and Big Three Free (DBP, Toluene & Formaldehyde), Revlon's Fruitful Temptations are destined to brighten tanned fingers and toes all summer long.

By RITA SILVAN  
Editor-in-Chief

What could be more seductive than hot French actor Vincent Cassel in a black tuxedo, descending the steps of the Grand Palais while several alluring models aim to slow him down?

Cassel is the face of the new Yves Saint Laurent fragrance for men, La Nuit de l'Homme. And on the night of the fragrance launch, appropriately set at the Musée de l'Homme in Paris, there was an audible gasp from normally jaded fashion editors as the perfume commercial was shown.

Shot by Cassel's friend Gaspar Noé, the video perfectly captures a city in which people aren't too tired to have sex. More than once. A day. Taken a bit by surprise by the guests' reaction to his unconventional sex appeal, Cassel remarked: "This video refers to the Paris touch, which is a good thing. You can be louche, as long as you do it with style and elegance!"

The best way for a man to seduce a woman, he says, is "to keep a bit of distance but also have a straightforward attitude."



Yves Saint Laurent La Nuit de l'Homme (\$88 for 100mL)

## Night moves



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Model Daria Werbowy.

## Rocking white

**KENYA HUNT**  
Metro World News



Three reasons why Daria Werbowy's look (she's wearing Stella McCartney to be exact) at the Glamour magazine beauty awards in Spain makes a great formula for rocking white, which (according to most women's magazines) is all the rage for summer:

**1** The slightly darker jacket is a good way to shield the white dress from the small random stains (train seat grime, pollution from walking through traffic) that are sure to pop up as you go about your day. That means your dress will be in the clear when you take your jacket off for night.

**2** The tomboyish silhouette prevents the ivory from veering into saccharine girly territory.

**3** The black ankle boots give the colour palette a dose of edge and urban cool.

## FlareFashion

**Lisa Tant**



Read the blog at  
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Nickelback and singer Danny Fernandes lead the way with five nods each as the 2009 MMVAs nominations were announced yesterday. The 2009 MMVAs airs live Sunday, June 21 at 9 p.m. ET, on MuchMusic. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Entertainment

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☆☆☆☆ A CLASSIC; ☆☆☆☆ EXCELLENT; ☆☆☆ GOOD; ☆☆☆ FAIR; ☆☆☆ POOR

## The goth rocker with a heart

### Marilyn Manson

Album: *The High End of Low*

Label: Interscope/Universal

Rating: ☆☆☆

#### THE DEBATE

**HAS** already started among Marilyn Manson fans. Has our goth-rock shock trooper re-found his old toxic self? Or is he merely slowing down his slide into a form of middle age introspective goo that even parents can find secretly listenable ... sometimes ... after dark ... like, way after the kids have gone to bed. Who cares? Listen to this album for what it is and not what you want Marilyn to be. He delivers a stylishly sophisticated album that's as much



Bowie-esque culture croon as it is lyrically offensive. There are parts that seem more manufactured than industrial, especially the single "Arma-godd'n-mother-f\*\*kin-geddon. But there are also frighteningly intense scenes of self-doubt. Yes, Marilyn does have a heart. No doubt, the old fans will want to rip it out.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

### Mandy Moore

Album: *Amanda Leigh*

Label: Sony Music

Rating: ☆☆☆

#### IT'S HARD

**NOT** to feel for Mandy Moore. She came into the music world with Britney-like



Marilyn Manson is back with a new album, the stylishly sophisticated *The High End of Low*.

candy pop, and she's been trying to shed that image ever since. Her latest effort *Amanda Leigh*, named after the singer's first and middle names ("this is the real me!" she's saying), pushes her even farther away from the old days.

### MusicReviews

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This is a schizophrenic collection of folk, adult pop and the occasional rocker. The standouts are definite-

ly the louder tracks and the more classic folk tunes, but the bouncy, cheesy track "Pocket Philosopher" and the musical-like, instrumental reprise of Merrimack River should have been shown the door.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

### Suicide doctor

Al Pacino will star in a biopic about Jack Kevorkian, the right-to-die doctor who made headlines during his campaign to assist patients determined to commit suicide. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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### Hayden

Album: *The Place Where We Lived*

Label: Hardwood/Universal

Rating: ☆☆☆

#### SWEET, SHY, INNOCENT

Hayden. We all have friends like you ... hiding in their basement apartments for weeks on end, afraid to come out and admit that their girlfriend dumped them for some guy who actually has a life. There are moments on this album that point to what Hayden could do if he would only come out and play. But Hayden, truth is that this tired act simply gets boring after awhile. This album will appeal to young women yearning to cuddle our hapless teddy bear out of his dank lair. Try a hot mug of Ovaltine.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada



### critics'corner

#### The Adventures of Pluto Nash

If you need an Eddie Murphy fix, rent "Beverly Hills Cop," "Trading Places," "48 Hrs." or "The Nutty Professor" and avoid this flat 2002 comedy about a nightclub on the moon and the mobsters trying to take it over. A multiple Razzie Award nominee, it also belongs in the running for biggest waste of good actors: Murphy, Randy Quaid, Illeana Douglas, Peter Boyle, John Cleese and Rosario Dawson, for starters. 7 PM on SPACE



#### 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee

Tom Bergeron hosts coverage of the final championship rounds of the annual spelling bee from Washington, D.C., where more than 290 spellers from around the globe have gathered to do their B-E-S-T with some really C-H-A-L-L-E-N-G-I-N-G words. The semifinals air earlier in the day on ABC's sister channel, ESPN. 9 PM on KXLY

### Tori Amos

Album: *Abnormally Addicted to Sin* Label: Universal Republic/Universal

Rating: ☆☆☆

#### AFTER TORI AMOS'

ambitious American Doll Posse failed to resonate with the public, the quirky pianist returned with a relatively straight-up affair. However, her latest is still a pastiche of sounds, from the trip-hop gothic opener to the mundane ballad "Maybe California," this record has something for everyone. While there are plenty of interesting moments, like "Strong Black Vine's" Zepplin-like violin, other spots — the boring "Not Dying Today" for one — should teach Amos to use an editor next time.

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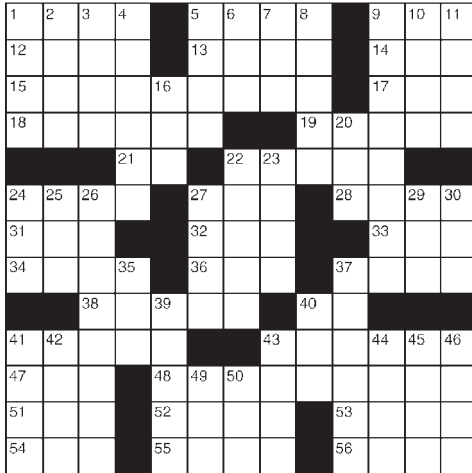
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	102	CPAC	512	396	(6:30) Primetime Politics				Question Period		Prime-Politics	Primetime Politics
	103	VIVA	526	507	Most Haunted		Passion	Homicide File	Psychic Inv.	Encounters	Judging Amy	Most Haunted
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### Crossword across

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 5 Steffi of tennis fame  
 9 Society newcomer  
 12 Car bar  
 13 "Mona —"  
 14 Buckeyes' sch.  
 15 Focus on  
 17 Miss at a barn dance  
 18 Spa  
 19 Terrible  
 21 Former partner  
 22 City of India  
 24 "Lion King" baddie  
 27 Geological period  
 28 Shrek, for one  
 31 Tin Man's need  
 32 — de deux  
 33 Towel designation  
 34 Hairless  
 36 Lamb's dam  
 37 Put an end to  
 38 Insurgent  
 40 Lindbergh book  
 41 Pigs  
 43 Make fizzy  
 47 Trail behind  
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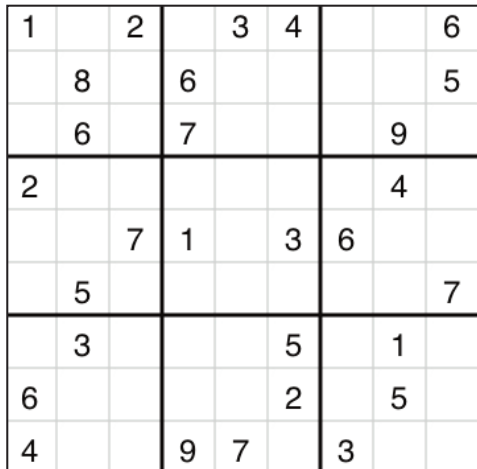
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 2 Fair, for short  
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 4 Improved  
 5 Smooth-talking  
 6 Tractor-trailer  
 7 Blond shade  
 8 Deadly  
 9 It may include a pair of  
 10 Isaac's eldest  
 11 Wall Street optimist  
 16 Illumination measure  
 20 Terse question  
 22 Speak slowly?  
 23 Facility  
 24 Weep loudly  
 25 Spy-novel grp.  
 26 Fine  
 27 Duel tool  
 29 Carnival city  
 30 Kreskin's claim  
 35 Lair  
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 39 Borstal Boy author  
 40 Drenched  
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 45 Anything but that  
 46 Greek vowels  
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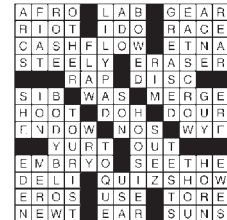
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### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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 17-21 min ..... Smart  
 21-25 min ..... Not bad  
 25+ min ..... Keep practising

### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Teriyaki Lamb Chops

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 6 scallions  
 2 tbsp (25 ml) sesame seeds  
 1/4 cup (175 ml) reduced-salt soy sauce  
 2 tbsp (25 ml) cider vinegar  
 2 tbsp (25 ml) clear honey  
 1 small garlic clove, finely chopped  
 3/4 tsp (4 ml) ground ginger  
 8 bone-in lamb loin chops, trimmed  
 1/2 lb (250 g) Chinese vermicelli  
 4 carrots  
 1 red pepper  
 1/2 of 1 can (398 ml) whole baby corn, drained  
 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) cornstarch

#### METHOD:

1. Cut 2 scallions into thin slices and rest into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) pieces. Toast sesame seeds in nonstick frying pan, 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in soy sauce, vinegar, honey, garlic, ginger and sliced scallions.  
 2. Roll narrow end of chops into medallions and secure with toothpicks. Place in baking dish and pour in soy sauce mixture. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.

3. Cook noodles according to package directions. Drain. Cut carrots and blanch in enough water to cover, 3 minutes. Add remaining scallions and corn. Blanch until vegetables are crisp-tender, about 2 minutes. Drain and toss with noodles.  
 4. Preheat broiler. Remove chops from marinade; pour marinade into small pot. Broil chops 5 in. (12 cm) from heat until done to taste, 4 minutes per side for medium. Transfer to platter, remove toothpicks and keep warm. Bring marinade to boil. Cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Dissolve cornstarch in 1/3 cup (75 ml) water and whisk into marinade. Boil over medium-high heat, whisking, until sauce thickens, 2 minutes. Toss half of sauce with noodles, drizzle remainder over chops and serve.

**SERVES 4**



## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Your financial plans may need to be rethought over the next few days. You may have trusted dodgy information: Change now or it will cost you later.

### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Be ready to change your plans at a moment's notice. Even the most far-sighted of Librans won't be able to see what is coming around the next bend.

### TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

Look closely at some decisions you've made in recent weeks. Were they really for the best? It's not too late to think again, but you've got to be quick.

### SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

You may be tempted to withhold your affection from someone who has let you down, but if you punish them you will also be punishing yourself.

### GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

A fear or anxiety you thought was over and done with will surface again over the next 24 hours, but it's only a passing phase, so don't be alarmed.

### SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

If something is worrying you it is most likely just your imagination to its tricks again. You have nothing to be anxious about — life is good.

### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

You seem to think that if you don't grab all you can get you'll miss out, maybe even starve. It's not even remotely true, so calm down.

### CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

If you let someone get away with something they do not deserve to today they'll likely think you're weak and take more liberties in coming days.

### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Certain events seem to be spiralling out of control but there is no need to worry, still less to change what you are doing. Go with the flow.

### AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

The best way to deal with an emotional problem is to ignore it. Refuse to focus on it and you'll deny it the energy it needs to be important.

### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

It might be an idea to think again about something you decided over the past few weeks, especially if the decision was made in haste.

### PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

Something you thought was fact will turn out to be fiction today, and you won't be happy you were fooled so easily. Don't be too hard on yourself.

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- Shanty overabundance (1)
- Pump or loafer shot through the air (1)
- Confront actress/princess Kelly (1)
- Not-as-high-up seamstress (2)
- NBA star Kobe's customers (2)
- Michigan SL alum director Scorsese (2)
- War ditches' park furniture (2)

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ANSWERS:  
 1. SHANTY SHONORAL 2. NIKKY KANK 3. SCARLETT SCORSESE 4. KATIE KATIE 5. KATIE KATIE 6. KATIE KATIE 7. KATIE KATIE

## This day in history

MAY 28, 585 BC: A solar eclipse occurs, as predicted by Greek philosopher and scientist Thales, while Alyattes is battling Cyaxares in the Battle of the Eclipse, leading to a truce. This is one of the cardinal dates from which other dates can be calculated.  
 MAY 28, 1892: In San Francisco, California, John Muir organizes the Sierra Club.  
 MAY 28, 1930: The Chrysler Building in New York City officially opens.  
 MAY 28, 1934: Near Callander, Ont., the Dionne quintuplets are born to Ovila and Elzire Dionne, later becoming the first quintuplets to survive infancy.

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## Celebrity Buzz

## Halle's online chat escapes

**CREEPY** Halle Berry finds fame so lonely, she has used the Internet to find friends, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports. The actress admits in the past she has used websites to meet people and have "normal" conversations, away from the superficiality of Hollywood. But she insists she stopped short of

ever romancing a cyber companion.

Berry explains, "I never went so far as a date. But I've gone online and pretended to be someone else, in an attempt to have some anonymity."

"I've tried, many times, to have a normal conversation when celebrity wasn't a part of it. Sometimes it worked and at others it became a little weird."

"The reason I did it was I wanted to remember what it was like to have a real, honest exchange with someone and to be treated normally."

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## Prince Harry's good deed for war vet

**FEEL-GOOD** When he visits New York this weekend, Prince Harry has more to focus on than action on the polo field and fundraising for his Sentebale charity for African children. He'll pay special attention to the sacrifices made by servicemen and women around the world, people.com reports.

With this in mind, he has helped facilitate a dream trip to the U.S. for a young British marine who lost both his legs in a blast in Afghanistan.

Commando Joe

Townsend, 21, was horrifically injured when he stepped on an anti-tank mine in Helmand province last year. Harry, 24, was serving in the same region (though they were not together) at the time.

While they are not travelling together to Manhattan, the pair will meet up privately during the prince's two-day stay. The veteran will join the prince on a tour of the facilities of a post-traumatic stress dis-

order treatment clinic at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Manhattan.

The original idea came from New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon, who approached royal staff and said he would pay for the trip. Harry — having heard of what he went through — nominated war hero Townsend. The New York visit will be Harry's first official tour to the U.S.

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## Hef looking to off-load Playboy?

**BACKUP PLAN** Hugh Hefner is reportedly looking to unload his floundering Playboy empire, and is looking to Virgin's Richard Branson to buy it.

According to the New York Post, Hefner is looking for \$300 million US for the company, which has lost \$13 million already this year.

"Everyone says he'll never let go, that he'll take it with him to the grave," a source tells the paper, while a Playboy spokesperson says that though no offers have been made, Hefner would "listen to proposals that could create value for all of our shareholders."

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## Christie the matchmaker

**SETTING UP** Christie Brinkley says her days of chasing younger men are over, and she'd much rather spend her

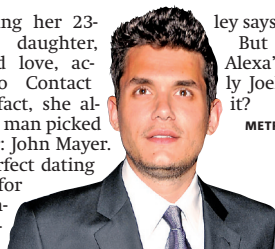
time helping her 23-year-old daughter, Alexa, find love, according to Contact Music. In fact, she already has a man picked out for her: John Mayer.

"He's perfect dating material for my daughter," Brink-

ley says.

But how would Alexa's father, Billy Joel, feel about it?

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## Brolin headed for doghouse?

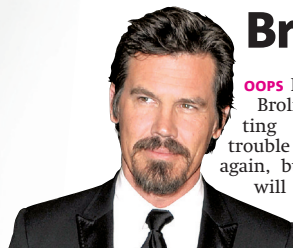
**OOPS** Looks like Josh Brolin may be getting himself into trouble in Louisiana again, but this time it will be with his wife, Diane Lane, and not

with the law.

While in New Orleans to film *Jonah Hex*, Brolin was spotted "getting cozy" with a young woman at several area nightspots before surfacing at 7 a.m., according to *In Touch*.

"Josh looked like he hadn't slept at all and she was wearing the same outfit as the night before and looked embarrassed," a source tells the magazine.

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## Mel and Oksana's new life

**EVERYDAY LIFE** So how do the original Sexiest Man Alive and his musician girlfriend spend their time together? Work, work, work, say family and friends — and then a little low-profile playtime, people.com reports.

By day, Mel Gibson, 53, and Oksana Grigorieva, who is pregnant with Gibson's eighth child, are hard at work at their respective careers — Gibson tending to film projects at his Santa Monica office while Grigorieva keeps busy making music at her house in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

"(Oksana) spent the last nine months locked up in a studio," her mother Lyudmila Chernukha, a retired music teacher, tells People of her daughter's collection of new songs — all of which Oksana, 39, wrote, arranged and sang herself.

Once work is over for the couple and the school bell has rung for Grigorieva's son, Alexander, 11, it's family time. The musician and her son will often meet up with Gibson —

who has initiated divorce proceedings with his wife, Robyn — at his office or his Malibu home, sometimes dropping by a Russian restaurant that serves dishes from Grigorieva's homeland: Borscht, chicken Kiev and sturgeon.

"It (seems) very important to Oksana that Mel and her son bond," says a source. "Mel is fun to be around and great with kids."

At the end of the evening, the two typically returns to their separate homes

so Grigorieva

can get her son, whose dad is actor Timothy Dalton, off to a local school in the mornings. "She gets on well with Timothy Dalton, he is the father of her son after all," says Grigorieva's mother. "They parted on good terms and they see each other a lot."

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## Amy tries hand at fashion line

**STYLE MAVEN** While she's been camping out in the Caribbean and recording a new album, Amy Winehouse has apparently been inspired to be creative in other ways.

The singer is reportedly working on a fashion line with British label PPQ and designers Amy Molyneux and Percy Parker, according to Women's Wear Daily. The line will launch later this year.

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## Winona's fame caused big blues

**DARK DAYS** Winona Ryder has revealed she had an "extra-large breakdown" when she was 20, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 37-year-old actress struggled to cope when she was catapulted to worldwide fame following the success of her hit '90s movies.

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## Uproar over Twitter TV show

**PROTEST** Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher have threatened to close their Twitter accounts if bosses of the social networking site enter into a proposed agreement to launch a reality TV show, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Hollywood trade magazine Daily Variety reports the San Francisco-based

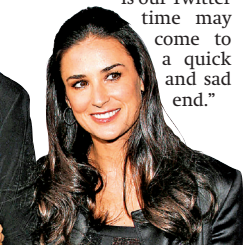
company has partnered with TV producers on an unscripted show, in which fans try to track down celebrities via the Internet — and the news has upset Tinseltown's leading tweeters.

In a post on Monday, Kutcher wrote, "It's all fun and games until somebody gets stalked."

And his wife added, "I hope this isn't true — if it is our Twitter time may come to a quick and sad end."

But Twitter co-founder Biz Stone insists there's "no official Twitter TV show" and the news relates to a "lightweight, non-exclusive agreement" he has with TV producers.

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## Evangeline's accidental diss?

**LOOSE TONGUE** Did Lost's Evangeline Lilly accidentally diss Angelina Jolie? Asked in the new issue of Women's Health which Hollywood A-lister she admires most, Lilly says Jolie, us-magazine.com reports.

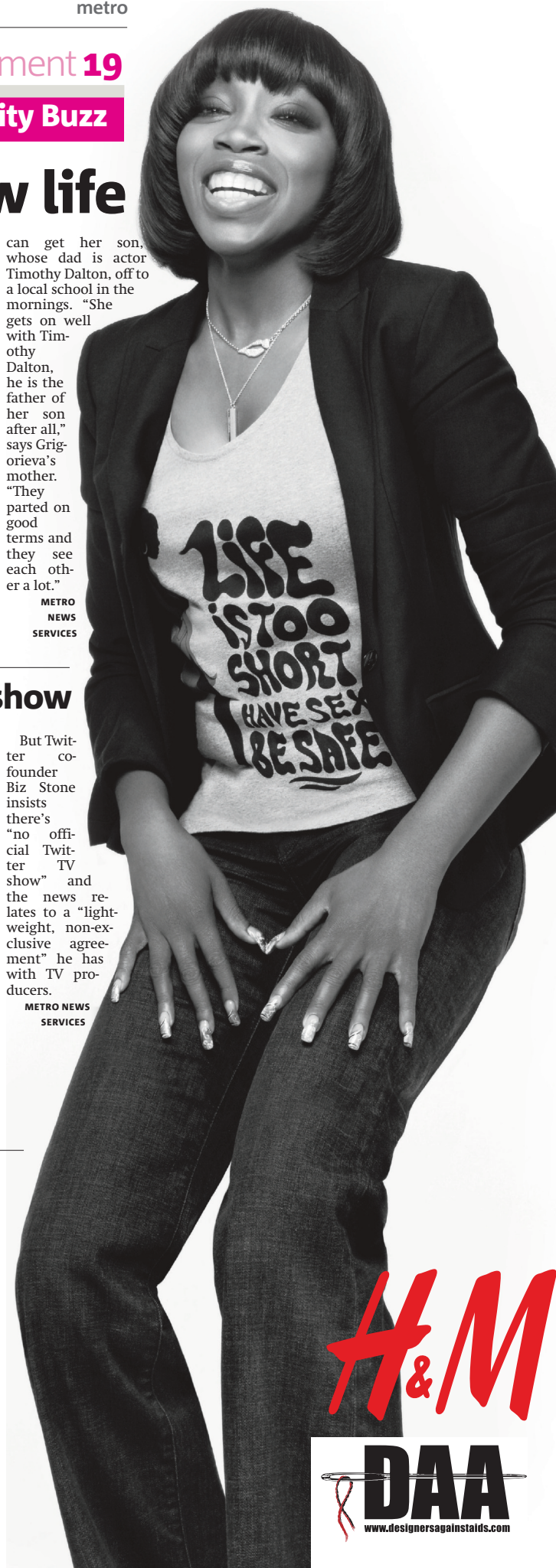
Why? "No one knows that woman; she's a complete ice queen, which is perfect," she ex-

plains. "Why should she be any more? She doesn't owe us anything."

Lilly adds that Lost producers have told her that she hasn't picked up on the opportunity to become a big movie star like Jolie.

"It frustrates (them) that they've given me this chance to become the next Angelina," she says. "Sure, I'd love to be her, but just the humanitarian side."

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